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**Defendants**

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**PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT 20**

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<b>TOTAL</b>	Bill J. Dale	33,966	23.12%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 1926	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 3860	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 49.90%	<b># OF LIT</b> 250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	47,112	32.06%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	32,380	22.04%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	32,915	22.40%				
<b>PRECINCT 061 - BAKER</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>VOTE%</b>	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 1926	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 3860	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 49.90%	<b># OF LIT</b> 250
	Bill J. Dale	183	11.13%				
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	1,156	70.31%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	197	11.98%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	105	6.38%				
<b>021 - DAVIS CORNER</b>	Bill J. Dale	227	10.88%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 2470	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 4986	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 55%	<b># OF LIT</b> 300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	1,314	63.02%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	315	15.10%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	223	10.69%				
<b>093 - NEWTOWN</b>	Bill J. Dale	136	13.25%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 1239	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 2268	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 54.60%	<b># OF LIT</b> 200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	624	60.81%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	165	16.08%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	96	9.35%				
<b>045 - TIMBERLAKE</b>	Bill J. Dale	272	17.81%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 1876	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 3475	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 54%	<b># OF LIT</b> 250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	761	49.83%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	306	20.03%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	182	11.91%				
<b>041 - COLLEGE PARK</b>	Bill J. Dale	325	17.13%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 2306	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 4267	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 54%	<b># OF LIT</b> 300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	942	49.65%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	324	17.07%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	299	15.76%				
<b>071 - ROUND HILL</b>	Bill J. Dale	357	16.31%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 2622	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 4931	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 53.20%	<b># OF LIT</b> 300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	1,084	49.54%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	439	20.06%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	303	13.84%				
<b>084 - TALLWOOD</b>	Bill J. Dale	310	19.72%	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b> 1952	<b>REG. VOTERS</b> 3414	<b>% OF VOTERS</b> 57.20%	<b># OF LIT</b> 250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	763	48.53%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	249	15.83%				

079 - PLEASANT HALL	A. M. "Don" Weeks	247	15.71%				
	Bill J. Dale	212	16.08%	1618	2879	56.20%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	638	48.40%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	220	16.69%				
005 - SEATAK	A. M. "Don" Weeks	247	18.74%				
	Bill J. Dale	279	20.20%	1890	4004	47.20%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	668	48.37%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	212	15.35%				
076 - VILLAGE	A. M. "Don" Weeks	218	15.78%				
	Bill J. Dale	210	16.58%	1668	3515	47.50%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	601	47.47%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	246	19.43%				
069 - SHELL	A. M. "Don" Weeks	205	16.19%				
	Bill J. Dale	157	13.13%	1468	2477	59.30%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	567	47.44%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	308	25.77%				
074 - BUCKNER	A. M. "Don" Weeks	162	13.55%				
	Bill J. Dale	249	18.01%	1674	3061	54.50%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	619	44.79%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	327	23.66%				
055 - MAGIC HOLLOW	A. M. "Don" Weeks	182	13.16%				
	Bill J. Dale	252	17.58%	1919	4159	46.10%	300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	636	44.38%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	288	20.09%				
080 - CHIMNEY HILL	A. M. "Don" Weeks	252	17.58%				
	Bill J. Dale	258	19.98%	1609	3018	53.30%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	571	44.22%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	252	19.51%				
012 - PLAZA	A. M. "Don" Weeks	208	16.11%				
	Bill J. Dale	312	19.56%	2107	3827	55.10%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	688	43.13%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	309	19.37%				
073 - DAHLIA	A. M. "Don" Weeks	280	17.55%				
	Bill J. Dale	398	21.20%	2442	5158	47.30%	300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	796	42.40%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	381	20.29%				

050 - OCEANA	A. M. "Don" Weeks	296	15.76%						
	Bill J. Dale	147	15.80%	1232	2727	45.20%	200		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	389	41.82%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	232	24.94%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	159	17.09%						
046 - GREEN RUN	Bill J. Dale	285	20.25%	1745	3052	57.20%	200		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	586	41.64%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	328	23.31%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	200	14.21%						
067 - EASTERN SHORE	Bill J. Dale	322	20.25%	2207	4847	45.50%	300		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	647	40.69%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	305	19.18%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	310	19.43%						
081 - ROCK LAKE	Bill J. Dale	330	20.87%	2060	3543	58.10%	250		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	634	40.10%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	377	23.84%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	232	14.67%						
043 - BELLAMY	Bill J. Dale	295	19.38%	1794	3330	53.90%	300		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	608	39.94%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	323	21.22%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	289	18.98%						
029 - HOLLAND	Bill J. Dale	269	19.09%	1993	3947	50.50%	250		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	541	38.39%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	338	23.98%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	255	18.09%						
016 - ARAGONA	Bill J. Dale	393	19.95%	2526	4508	56%	300		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	745	37.83%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	414	21.02%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	408	20.72%						
039 - PEMBROKE	Bill J. Dale	376	22.07%	2278	4328	52.60%	300		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	616	36.17%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	337	19.78%						
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	365	21.43%						
015 - OLD DONATION	Bill J. Dale	244	20.43%	1547	2847	54.30%	200		
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	431	36.09%						
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	253	21.18%						





063 - CULVER	A. M. "Don" Weeks	395	22.26%				
	Bill J. Dale						
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	416	24.65%	2280	4051	56.30%	250
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	504	29.87%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	426	25.25%				
087 - HILLCREST		339	20.09%				
	Bill J. Dale	336	26.27%	1690	2457	68.80%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	382	29.86%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	277	21.65%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	278	21.73%				
014 - MALIBU	Bill J. Dale	376	24.19%	2172	3461	62.80%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	461	29.66%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	307	19.75%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	402	25.86%				
	Bill J. Dale	403	25.36%	2155	3420	63%	250
083 - STRAWBRIDGE	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	465	29.26%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	365	22.97%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	350	22.02%				
	Bill J. Dale	351	22.15%	2145	3449	62.20%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	459	28.97%				
062 - LANDSTOWN	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	388	24.49%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	383	24.17%				
	Bill J. Dale	431	24.32%	2292	4166	55%	300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	511	28.83%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	393	22.17%				
013 - MT TRASHMORE	A. M. "Don" Weeks	431	24.32%				
	Bill J. Dale	238	22.32%	1468	2286	64.20%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	307	28.79%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	260	24.39%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	259	24.29%				
020 - BAYSIDE	Bill J. Dale	327	24.07%	1949	2903	67.10%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	384	28.27%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	335	24.66%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	309	22.75%				
	Bill J. Dale	380	18.09%	2518	4132	61%	300
025 - AVALON	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	593	28.23%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	450	21.42%				
	Bill J. Dale	380	18.09%	2518	4132	61%	300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	593	28.23%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	450	21.42%				







057 - SHERRY PARK	A. M. "Don" Weeks	271	26.00%	1404	2077	67.60%	200
	Bill J. Dale	293	27.61%				
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	250	23.56%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	236	22.24%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	277	26.10%				
068 - MANOR	Bill J. Dale	427	27.11%	1882	2860	65.80%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	362	22.98%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	394	25.01%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	385	24.44%				
092 - LITTLE NECK	Bill J. Dale	268	27.57%	1392	2058	67.60%	150
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	223	22.94%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	220	22.63%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	257	26.44%				
009 - TRANTWOOD	Bill J. Dale	351	25.71%	1994	2943	67.80%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	307	22.49%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	323	23.66%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	378	27.69%				
026 - FAIRFIELD	Bill J. Dale	454	29.49%	1812	2736	66.20%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	346	22.48%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	352	22.87%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	385	25.01%				
011 - CAPE HENRY	Bill J. Dale	464	32.17%	2195	4081	53.80%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	324	22.46%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	263	18.23%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	387	26.83%				
023 - ARROWHEAD	Bill J. Dale	386	22.03%	2101	3268	64.30%	300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	392	22.37%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	359	20.49%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	610	34.81%				
031 - SIGMA	Bill J. Dale	468	28.17%	2467	3843	64.20%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	371	22.33%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	375	22.57%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	438	26.36%				
072 - RUDEE	Bill J. Dale	385	30.53%	1887	3049	61.90%	200
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	281	22.28%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	235	18.63%				

034 - BLACKWATER	A. M. "Don" Weeks	355	28.15%				
	Bill J. Dale	101	23.54%	638	921	69.30%	100
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	95	22.14%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	93	21.67%				
035 - COURTHOUSE	A. M. "Don" Weeks	139	32.40%				
	Bill J. Dale	416	30.97%	1897	3181	59.60%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	294	21.89%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	326	24.27%				
004 - LINKHORN	A. M. "Don" Weeks	305	22.71%				
	Bill J. Dale	400	28.55%	2100	3781	55.50%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	305	21.77%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	273	19.48%				
049 - LYNNHAVEN	A. M. "Don" Weeks	413	29.47%				
	Bill J. Dale	407	32.45%	1997	3414	58.50%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	264	21.05%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	261	20.81%				
053 - SHANNON	A. M. "Don" Weeks	315	25.11%				
	Bill J. Dale	424	30.59%	1649	2625	62.80%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	286	20.63%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	333	24.02%				
006 - ALANTON	A. M. "Don" Weeks	334	24.09%				
	Bill J. Dale	420	28.72%	2167	3476	62.30%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	289	19.76%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	295	20.17%				
038 - WITCHDUCK	A. M. "Don" Weeks	453	30.98%				
	Bill J. Dale	531	30.81%	2475	3938	62.80%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	338	19.61%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	384	22.28%				
075 - COLONY	A. M. "Don" Weeks	468	27.16%				
	Bill J. Dale	406	27.54%	2144	3457	62%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	289	19.60%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	457	31.00%				
032 - CREEDS	A. M. "Don" Weeks	317	21.50%				
	Bill J. Dale	205	28.71%	987	1459	67.60%	150
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	140	19.60%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	164	22.96%				

007 - KINGSTON	A. M. "Don" Weeks	202	28.29%				
	Bill J. Dale	295	29.15%	1425	1983	71.90%	150
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	187	18.47%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	275	27.17%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	249	24.60%				
001 - NORTH BEACH	Bill J. Dale	575	37.65%	2320	3688	62.90%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	279	18.27%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	288	18.86%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	377	24.68%				
047 - KINGS GRANT	Bill J. Dale	553	31.78%	2366	3582	66.10%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	303	17.41%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	482	27.70%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	398	22.87%				
027 - EDWIN	Bill J. Dale	435	23.65%	2109	3186	66.20%	300
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	314	17.07%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	737	40.07%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	348	18.92%				
010 - GREAT NECK	Bill J. Dale	432	27.88%	2278	3613	63.10%	250
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	256	16.52%				
	C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr.	416	26.85%				
	A. M. "Don" Weeks	442	28.53%				
033 - CAPPS SHOP	Bill J. Dale	199	25.71%	1119	1583	70.70%	150
	Amelia N. Ross-Hammond	118	15.24%				
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	A. M. "Don" Weeks	269	34.75%				

### **2012 Election for Kempsville Seat on Virginia Beach City Council**

There was no incumbent running for the Kempsville seat on City Council. Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond won against three opponents (Bill Dale, Don Weeks and Chuck Smith; Dale and Weeks were white candidates and Smith was a black candidate).

Ross-Hammond won 55 of 94 precincts, not including absentee ballots and provisional ballots. There were 19 precincts that had a majority population of racial minorities (non-white) and Ross-Hammond won all of them, in addition to 36 of 75 precincts with a white-majority population.

### **2016 Election for Kempsville Seat on Virginia Beach City Council**

Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond was the incumbent for the Kempsville seat on City Council and faced one opponent, Jessica Abbott (a white candidate). Ross-Hammond won 10 of the 98 precincts (four more precincts were created since 2012), and Abbott won the other 88 precincts, not including absentee ballots and provisional ballots. Including the newly created precincts, there was a total of 21 precincts with a majority population of racial minorities (non-white). Abbott won 11 of the 21 precincts that had a majority of racial minorities (non-white) while Ross-Hammond won the other 10 precincts.

#### **Precincts with a majority population of racial minorities (non-white) won by Jessica Abbott in 2016:**

<b>054 Cromwell</b> (64.2%)	<b>058 Glenwood</b> (60.8%)
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#### **Precincts with a majority population of racial minorities (non-white) won by Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond in 2016:**

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<b>021 Davis Corner</b> (63.6%)	<b>069 Shell</b> (60.0%)
<b>041 College Park</b> (59.1%)	<b>076 Village</b> (56.9%)
<b>045 Timberlake</b> (54.6%)	<b>055 Magic Hollow</b> (53.9%)
<b>097 Indian River</b> (52.7%)	<b>050 Oceana</b> (50.0%; 529 votes to 517 for Abbott)

## **Conclusion:**

- In 2016, Abbott won more precincts that have a majority population of racial minorities (non-white) than Ross-Hammond, 11 of 21 precincts. Abbott also won all 77 precincts with a majority population of white voters.
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## **Sources:**

[www.statisticalatlas.com](http://www.statisticalatlas.com) (data compiled from US Census Bureau)

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- In 2016, Abbott won more precincts that have a majority population of racial minorities (non-white) than Ross-Hammond, 11 of 21 precincts. Abbott also won all 77 precincts with a majority population of white voters.
- In 2012, Ross-Hammond won all 19 of the precincts that had a majority population of racial minorities (non-white). Ross-Hammond also won 36 of the 75 precincts with a majority population of white voters (48%).

Abbott's professional FEMA designations in a time of flooding crisis for many families in Virginia Beach prove that she is a highly-qualified choice for public office. Despite running for office for the first time and being outspent by a margin of 5-to-1, Abbott won by 29,282 votes. The Virginian-Pilot headline detailing Abbott's victory described her as an underdog - meaning she was not expected to win the election. Abbott won almost 90% of the precincts in Virginia Beach, including most of the precincts that have a majority population of racial minorities (non-white). Abbott's campaign was marked by her outstanding presence on social media, connecting with voters in a way that resembled "virtual town halls". Abbott is the first-ever Millennial ever voted into office in Virginia Beach and is the youngest-ever elected official in Virginia Beach (27 years old at time of election). Due to her age, she represents an entire generation of voters in Virginia Beach that have never before had representation in any level of government until 2016.

Abbott has publicly made comments in Council sessions regarding the systemic racial disparities of the current At-large voting system in Virginia Beach and supports an electoral approach that includes District voting for ten unique Council districts (with the Mayor voted at-large). Abbott is also one of the few Councilmembers to demand a Deputy City Manager apologize for careless remarks containing racial overtones during a Disparity March about "five percenters" being present (at which she marched for and has publicly supported the goals of the Disparity March and Disparity Study). Abbott also publicly supported and campaigned for two racial minority candidates who ran for City Council in 2018 (Aaron Rouse and Eric Wray). Her husband is a fourth-grade teacher in at Seatack Elementary School An Achievable Dream Academy, which is

zoned for the historical Seatack community and has a school population that has a majority population of racial minorities (non-white) and Abbott has volunteered at the school and has supported the school's community outreach events.

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